

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b). As per reports some terrorists including JKLF armed supporters observed 6th August, 1991 as "Solidarity Day" to mark the completion of one year of detention of Yasin Malik, self styled Chief Commander of JKLF. They also gave a call for hartal in the Valley.

2. The law and order situation in the Valley continues to be difficult. The Government is seized of the problem and has taken administrative measures to deal with it and to create conditions for restoration of normalcy there.

Beating of couple by Delhi Police

5762. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of merciless beating of a young couple and throwing of their child on the floor by the Delhi police has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken against guilty police officials; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c). A complaint was made by Smt. Anshu Saxena, resident of A-204, New Friends Colony that certain police officials of police station Badarpur and police post Sarita Vihar had abused and beaten her, her hus-

band and her brother on 8th August, 1991. Three police officials which include the then SHO, Badarpur, the then in-charge police post Sarita Vihar and a woman constable have been placed under suspension on and departmental proceedings ordered against them. Instructions have been reiterated to the police official for courteous behaviour with the public. The supervisory officers have been enjoined upon to visit police stations regularly to ensure that there is no abuse of power by the police officials.

Seizure of Secret Documents

5763. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of top secret documents relating to security of airports in Delhi were seized on August, 10, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof and persons arrested in this regard;

(c) the number and details of the cases of seizure of such secret documents, other contrabands, narcotic drugs, etc. detected/unearthed during last three months; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However a secret document regarding a meeting on airport security was seized on 31.7.91 in Delhi. A case has been registered and the matter is under investigation. No person has so far been arrested.

(c) Besides the case of seizure of secret

document as mentioned in reply to parts (a) & (b), contraband goods including narcotic drugs worth Rs. 111.80 crores (provisional) were seized by custom authorities throughout the country in 10246 cases during the period from June, 91 to August 91.

(d) The persons found involved in smuggling activities are penalised in departmental adjudication and are prosecuted in courts of law in suitable cases. They are also detailed under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and prevention of Smuggling Act, 1974, if considered necessary.

11 Enforcement of foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1963

5764. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
DR. G.L.KANAUJIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the states which have been declared restricted area under the foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1963;

(b) whether it has affected the tourist traffic in these States;

(c) whether any state's administration/ Government has sought withdrawal of the above order; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura,

certain parts of Sikkim and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have been declared as restricted areas under the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963.

(b) For promotion of tourism development, various places have been opened up for entry and movement of foreign tourists from time to time. The Government has been gradually relaxing the provisions under the above order to facilitate the movement of foreign tourists in the interest of tourism development in these states.

(c) and (d). Of late, some requests were received from the state governments/Union Territory Administration. These were examined and relaxations were issued, wherever feasible, keeping in view the overall requirement of tourism promotion and consideration of national security.

92 Andhra Pradesh
Closure of sponge iron India Ltd. Units

5765. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:
PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some units of sponge iron India Ltd. at Paloncha in Andhra Pradesh have been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the loss incurred by the SAIL as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to receive the unit there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). One of the two rotary kilns of the sponge iron plants of Sponge Iron India Ltd. (SIIL) at Paloncha in Andhra Pradesh was closed down during